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New African plants.—The continuous appearance of publications dealing with new plants from Africa is an impressive illustration of the fact that it is still largely an unknown continent botanically. MOORE,²¹ in continuation of his "Alabastra diversa," has published 28 new species of African plants, belonging to the following families: Ericaceae (2), Asclepiadaceae (2), Scrophulariaceae (13, 7 belonging to *Buchnera*), Gesneraceae (1), Acanthaceae (1), Verbenaceae (5), Loranthaceae (1), Euphorbiaceae (2).—J. M. C.

Tropical American plants.—BLAKE²² has revised the American species of *Homalium* (Flacourtiaceae), a genus valued for its timber trees and one that has been puzzling to taxonomists. He recognizes 19 species, 11 of which are described as new. In the second paper cited, 13 new species are described, chiefly shrubs or trees collected in Bahia, Brazil, and Colombia in connection with a general survey of the timber resources.—J. M. C.

New names.—MACBRIDE²³ has given a good illustration of the extensive changes of names necessary to conform to the international rules of botanical nomenclature. In reviewing portions of the Leguminosae, he has published 97 new combinations and 9 new names. In the second paper cited, which deals with miscellaneous families, 28 new combinations are published.—J. M. C.

New species of Vernonia.—In studying the tribe Vernonieae for presentation in *North American Flora*, GLEASON²⁴ has discovered 6 new species and 9 new varieties. He has also segregated *V. lepidota* Griseb. as a new genus (*Ekmania*).—J. M. C.

²¹ MOORE, SPENCER L., *Alabastra diversa*. XXXI. 1. *Miscellanea Africana*. Jour. Botany 57: 212-219, 244-251. 1919.

²² BLAKE, S. F., The genus *Homalium* in America. Contrib. U.S. Nat. Herb. 20: 221-225. 1919.

———, New South American spermatophytes collected by H. M. CURRAN. *Idem*. 237-245. 1919.

²³ MACBRIDE, J. F., Notes on certain Leguminosae. Contrib. Gray Herb. N.S. no. 59. 1-27. 1919.

———, Reclassified or new spermatophytes. *Idem*. 28-39. 1919.

²⁴ GLEASON, H. A., Taxonomic studies in *Vernonia* and related genera. Bull. Torr. Bot. Club 46: 235-252. 1919.